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The claims are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75, as being so incomprehensible as to preclude a reasonable search of the prior art by the examiner. For example, the following items are not understood: "a peptide having an amino acid sequence from between SEQ ID NO:2 and SEQ ID NO:3" in claims 1-11 and 13. It is unclear whether the peptide comprises either SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:3, sequences from both, some other combinations, or a sequence that occurs between, i.e. is flanked by the two.

Applicant is required to submit an amendment which clarifies the disclosure so that the examiner may make a proper comparison of the invention with the prior art.

Applicant should be careful not to introduce any new matter into the disclosure (i.e., matter which is not supported by the disclosure as originally filed).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Dong Jiang, Art Unit 1646, whose telephone number is (703) 305-1345.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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